

IN HONOR OF BOBBY SANABRIA

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA LONG

HONORING STEVEN B. COLYER

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Bobby Sanabria, distinguished percussionist, drummer, composer, recording artist and producer whose musical talents and leadership in the Hispanic community has inspired thousands of people. I also rise in honor of Baldwin-Wallace College and the Hispanic-American Student Association for hosting and sponsoring Bobby Sanabria's performance as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in Cleveland.

Bobby Sanabria, of Puerto-Rican descent, was born and raised in the Bronx, New York City. He earned a Bachelor's of Music Degree from Berklee College of Music in Boston in 1979. In recognition of his immense musical talents, Bobby was awarded the prestigious Faculty Association Award from his Alma mater. He has since become an internationally recognized drummer and percussionist—performing and collaborating with countless legendary Jazz and Latin musicians such as Mario Bauzá, Tito Puente, Charles McPherson and Ray Barretto. A testament to his musical talents, Bobby has collaborated with numerous award-winning artists on countless CDs and performances, including with Mario Bauzá—who is widely considered the Father of the Afro-Cuban Jazz movement. His 1999 album, "NYC Aché!" was released to international acclaim and his record "Afro-Cuban Dream . . . Live & In Clave!" was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Latin Jazz Album in 2001.

Bobby is the recipient of countless awards and honors and holds a number of prestigious leadership positions. In 2005, he was honored as DRUM! Magazine's Percussionist of the Year, an award voted on by the magazine's readers. Bobby was inducted into the "Bronx Walk of Fame" and had a street named after him in 2006. In addition to being the Chair of the former International Association of Jazz Education's Afro-Jazz Resource Team, he travels all over the United States and the world lecturing and performing. He is the Honorary Trustee of the Roberto Ocasio Foundation—a foundation dedicated to promoting programs that foster the personal and professional development of young musicians, as well as fostering cultural understanding through music. Bobby has been an Associate Professor at New School University's Jazz and Contemporary Music Program for fifteen years and has also been a professor at the Manhattan School of Music since 1999. He leads Afro-Cuban Orchestras at both institutions—the only programs of their kind in the country. Bobby also writes regularly for the New York Post and Modern Drummer, and has also been featured in the New York Times and The Jazz Times.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of Bobby Sanabria, distinguished musician, composer, teacher and producer, and in recognition of his contributions to continuing the tradition of Afro-Cuban and Latin Jazz Music.

**HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Jessica Long, in celebration of her continued achievements at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

Jessica Long was born in Siberia and was adopted from a Russian orphanage at the age of 13 months along with her brother Joshua by Steven and Beth Long of Middle River, Maryland. Because of lower leg anomalies, her legs were amputated when she was 18 months old. She learned to walk with prostheses and has been unstoppable ever since. Long has been involved in many sports including gymnastics, cheerleading, ice skating, biking, trampoline, and, of course, she loves to swim. She began swimming in her grandparent's pool before joining her first competitive team in 2002. The next year, Jessica was selected as Maryland Swimming's 2003 Female Swimmer with a Disability of the Year. Jessica made the international swimming world take notice at the 2004 Paralympic Games, winning three gold medals. Only 12 years old at the time, Jessica was the youngest athlete on the U.S. Paralympic Team.

Jessica had a phenomenal year in 2006 with a long list of impressive accomplishments. She set five world records and earned nine gold medals at the 2006 International Paralympic Committee Swimming World Championships in Durban, South Africa in December. In addition to countless other gold medals and awards, Jessica was named U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympian of the Year. In 2007, Jessica set three world records at the GTAC Disability Open in Michigan and three world records at the Spring Can-Am Swimming Championships in Quebec. She also beat out many prominent amateur athletes for the prestigious 77th AAU James E. Sullivan Award. In 2008, Jessica set another world record at the Can-Am Championships in British Columbia and was the recipient of the Juan Antonio Samaranch IOC Disabled Athlete Award.

After all of the numerous world records Jessica has set, the awards she has received, and the medals she has won, at the age of 16 Jessica eagerly anticipated the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing. There, Jessica won four gold medals, a silver medal, and a bronze medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Ms. Jessica Long. She is an outstanding and dedicated member of the United States Paralympic Team. In spite of her disability, she has shown a unique and committed work ethic in sports training and competition. Jessica has shown the world that no limitation can prevent an individual from achieving great success. It is with great pride that I congratulate her on bringing six medals home from the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Steven B. Colyer of Buckner, Missouri. Steven is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1381, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Steven has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Steven has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Steven B. Colyer for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**EMERGENCY ECONOMIC  
STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008**

SPEECH OF

**HON. GWEN MOORE**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 3, 2008*

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Madam Speaker, I am angry.

I am angry that we have been put in this position by clever financial wizards on Wall Street who operated without the necessary regulations and oversight for the past eight years.

I am angry that we are being asked to clean up a mess that could have been prevented if it weren't for corporate greed and lax government oversight.

I share the sentiments of Meyer Mishkin, who during the crash of 1929 owned a shop in New York that sold silk shirts to working men. He said then that it "served those rich scoundrels right."

But a year later, as the Wall Street crash spread to the rest of America, Mr. Mishkin's own store went out of business and he never held a steady job again.

Fast forward to 2008. Meyer Mishkin's grandson, an economist and former Fed Reserve Board member, tells us "To do nothing right now is to do what was done during the Great Depression."

Madam Speaker, this is not about Rolex watches and Wall Street. It's about watching out for workers, families, retirees and small businesses in my district who will be up against the wall by this resulting credit crisis as it spreads to Main Street.

If we don't act and the credit markets seize up, we risk a situation in which people can't get mortgages, stores are unable to finance their inventory, local governments are unable to continue to finance services, and employers are unable to make payroll and start laying off workers and dropping shifts. We are already beginning to see the effects in my district and across the country.

We could say "let's sit back and do nothing".